

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR
SUSTAINABILITY AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2016**

Energy

1. The Executive considered, and approved, my proposal to invest in a community energy scheme, now known as Homestead Community Solar. Full Council will now consider as part of the budget proposals and use of Asda capital receipt.
2. The council continues to investigate the establishment of an Island energy supply company. There are several options currently being considered.
3. Grid capacity has now been temporarily eased through the introduction of Active Network Management (ANM) but there is more work to do. We have been invited to take part in a European Smart Grid Project, subject to support from Southern Electric Power Distribution (SEPD).
4. Joint working with Public Health to seek grant funding for a healthy homes project to reduce effects of fuel poverty.

Transport

1. The car club project has now been further delayed due to parking order issues. Funding is secure for another 12 months.
2. 'Hire a Twizy' project is getting underway.
3. The LSTF2 Board continues to meet bi-monthly and more grant funding has been awarded for low carbon transport projects.

Waste Contract

1. The well-attended Community Waste Forum met for the second time and a chair was appointed. Feedback on the waste service is positive: "A positive start, well organised", "Lynnbottom is clean and tidy.", "Staff highly commended".
2. Recycling and composting rates continue to be good but expected to increase during the transition phase.
3. Afton Marsh household waste recycling centre now has a certificate of lawfulness.

4. The planning application for Forest Park recycling facility and energy-from-waste centre is due to have been considered by the Planning Committee on 19 January.
5. Surveys are underway to determine which homes will get either a black wheelie bin or gull proof sack.
6. Residents with physical health problems which affect their ability to deal with bins are encouraged to apply for assisted collections.
7. Residents in good health will soon be able to apply for a back door (assisted collection) service for just £1 per week.
8. Councillors should consider themselves to be 'waste ambassadors' familiar with the new service and expected changes so that they are able to inform and reassure residents.

Organisational Change

1. The team continues to monitor the projects being developed within other portfolios to deliver the necessary revenue savings (budget strategy) for 2015/16.
2. The Organisational Change Team is helping to develop options for the budget proposals for 2016/17 to ensure their viability, which includes discussing with the various heads of service and service managers to understand the proposed budget options as set out in appendices E and F that were considered by the Full Council at its September meeting. As part of this process a series of 'star chambers' (whose membership includes: the chief executive, chief fire officer, director of children's services, head of financial management and the strategic manager for organisational change and corporate governance) are being held, where the proposals are tested and, where possible, developed. The outcomes of this process will be that when the Full Council considers the various budget options there will be an assessment of the feasibility of achieving the savings and an understanding of the potential impact of the savings. Given that the settlement statement indicates the need to find some £17 million of savings during 2016/17 to set a balanced budget, the star chamber process continues to challenge and determine where savings may be achieved from.

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